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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of)
OLAF KRUSE) Examiner: Thankh K. Truong
for: CONNECTION FOR ATTACHMENTS)
ON A HAND-HELD MACHINE TOOL)
OPERATED BY AN INTERNAL)
COMBUSTION ENGINE, ESPECIALLY)
A MOTOR-DRIVEN CHAIN SAW)
Serial No.: 10/616,856) Group Art Unit: 3721
Filed: July 9, 2003) Our Docket No. 3663-0038

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Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir/Ma'am:

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 28, 2005, the time for response extending to June 28, 2005, Applicant submits this Preliminary Amendment and Request for Continued Examination, and requests the above-identified application be amended as follows.